

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Canceled)
3. (Previously Presented) A catalyst according to claim 22 in which the group VIIB element is rhenium.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Previously Presented) A catalyst according to claim 22 in which the matrix is selected from the group consisting of alumina, silica, silica-alumina, clay, magnesia, titanium oxide, zirconium oxide, boron oxide and aluminates.
6. (Previously Presented) A catalyst according to claim 22 in which said matrix is alumina.
7. (Canceled)
8. (Previously Presented) A catalyst according to claim 22, in which said group VIIA element is fluorine.
9. (Currently Amended) A catalyst consisting essentially of in weight % with respect to the total catalyst mass:
 - 0.01% to 50% of at least ~~group VIIB element~~ of rhenium or manganese;
 - 0.01% to 99.7% of at least one matrix;
 - 0.01% to 50% of at least one ~~hydro-dehydrogenating metal~~ of cobalt or nickel;

- 0.01 to 20% of an element deposited on the at least one matrix selected from the group consisting of P, B, and Si;
- up to 15% of at least one group VIIA element.

10. (Previously Presented) A process for hydrotreating a hydrocarbon feed, comprising contacting a hydrocarbon feed with a catalyst according to claim 22.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 10, in which the hydrocarbon feed is selected from the group consisting of gasolines, gas oils, vacuum gas oils, residues which may or may not be deasphalted, paraffin oils, waxes and paraffins and said hydrocarbon feed may optionally contain at least one heteroatom such as sulphur, oxygen or nitrogen and at least one metal.

13. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 10 performed prior to hydrocracking the hydrocarbon feed.

14. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 10 wherein the catalyst has been sulphurised.

15. (Previously Presented) A catalyst according to claim 3, in which the group VIII element is cobalt or nickel.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Previously Presented) A catalyst according to claim 15 in which the group VIIA element is fluorine.

18. (Previously Presented) A process for the hydrotreating of hydrocarbon feeds, comprising contacting a hydrocarbon feed with a catalyst according to claim 9.

19. (Previously Presented) A process for the hydrotreating of hydrocarbon feeds, comprising contacting a hydrocarbon feed with a catalyst according to claim 15.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously Presented) A process for the hydrotreating of hydrocarbon feeds, comprising contacting a hydrocarbon feed with a catalyst according to claim 17.

22. (Currently Amended) A catalyst consisting essentially of
at least one matrix,
at least one ~~group VIIB metal~~ of rhenium or manganese,
at least one ~~non-noble group VIII metal~~ of cobalt or nickel,
at least one group VI metal selected from the group consisting of molybdenum and tungsten,
optionally, at least one element from group VIIA, and
at least one element deposited on the matrix selected from the group consisting of phosphorus, boron and silicon.

23. (Currently Amended) A catalyst consisting of
at least one matrix, said matrix not containing zinc,
at least one group VIIB metal,
at least one non-noble group VIII metal,
at least one group VI metal selected from the group consisting of molybdenum and tungsten,
optionally, at least one element from group VIIA, and
at least one element deposited on the matrix selected from the group consisting of phosphorus, boron and silicon.

24. (Currently Amended) A catalyst consisting essentially of
at least one matrix,
at least one ~~group VIIB metal~~ of rhenium or manganese,
at least one of iron, cobalt or nickel,
at least one group VI metal selected from the group consisting of molybdenum and tungsten,
optionally, at least one element from group VIIA, and
at least one element deposited on the matrix selected from the group consisting of phosphorus, boron and silicon.
25. (Previously Presented) A catalyst according to claim 23, wherein the catalyst contains nickel.
26. (Previously Presented) A catalyst according to claim 23, wherein the catalyst contains rhenium.
27. (New) A catalyst according to claim 22 that contains rhenium and nickel and phosphorus is deposited on the matrix.
28. (New) A catalyst according to claim 23 that contains rhenium and nickel and phosphorus is deposited on the matrix.
29. (New) A catalyst according to claim 22, wherein the matrix does not contain zinc.